



Bestwood Village Parish Council



Date: Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 7pm
At St Mark's Church Bestwood Village

Present; Cllrs J Ashworth (Chair), I Hart, R Davidson, M Gee, P Newling, K Brown (late)

Borough Cllr D Gibbons

County Cllr C Barnfather

8 members of the public

MINUTES

- 2023.010 Silence to remember those that have passed
Observed with a special mention for John Ingle who attended Parish Council meetings for many years.
- 2023.011 To receive apologies for absence
J Pauley, R Ellis
- 2023.012 To receive and consider - Declarations of members' interests and dispensations from non-participation
None
- 2023.013 To receive and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th January 2023
It was resolved to receive and approve the minutes (PN/MG)
- 2023.014 Eden Lodge Care Home Summer Feté
The Lodge are raising funds and would like to use the square to host the event. All stalls have their Public Liability Insurances in place and copies of these along with hygiene etc will be provided to the Council. There will be some small children's rides run on generators. It is hoped that the local shop may allow use of their toilets. It will be an alcohol free event. No glass will be allowed on site. First aiders will be on site. Planned date Saturday 17th June from 11am-4pm Cllr Ashworth to contact Council's insurance to let them know It was resolved to allow use of the land subject to items above (PN/JA)
Action JA
- 2023.015 To receive - Parishioners questions/statements (normal duration 15 minutes)
School Walk parking opposite drives of houses – Cllr Newling to put a post

on the Facebook page and Cllr Ashworth to put a polite notice on the fence.

Action PN/JA

*Reports from County Councillor Barnfather;
He has received a request for removal of cycle barriers (Hill Rd/Keepers Close). Parish Councillors did not wish them to be removed.
Wi-Fi issue received.*

Northern Drive issues with VIA – It is not an adopted drive and so will not be maintained. Any work carried out in the past was a goodwill gesture by County Council but he will ask if anything could be done using the Green Estates Team.

Action C Barnfather

Noted that 98 houses have been built since 2011 due to developers recognising a lack of demand and facilities.

Trying to tap into funding for a Mineral trail.

The Lengthsman will be off for the next 4-6 weeks

Borough Councillor Gibbons;

Continuing with casework and St Albans kitchen will not be open for a week then it will be frozen takeaway meals.

Parish Councillors;

Newsletter has been worked on by Cllrs Ashworth and Brown. It will be going to the noticeboards, website, facebook and Cllr Ashworth to distribute hard copies (including a few in the shop)

Action JA/PN/KB

2023.016

To re-affirm;

- a) That the Internal Audit report dated 14th April 2022 relating to accounts 21/22 year was distributed to the Councillors and is approved

It was confirmed that the report has been received and approved (PN/KB)

- b) To re-affirm that the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements were presented to the Council in June 2022 (AGAR section 1 and 2)

It was confirmed that the report has been received and approved (PN/KB)

- c) That the report from the External auditor (AGAR section 3) has been brought to the Council's attention and is accepted

It was confirmed that the report has been received and approved (PN/KB)

2023.017 To issue the Notice of Conclusion of Audit for year 21/22 as attached

2023.018 To receive and approve

a) Cashbook summary to December 2022 and agreement to Bank Statement

It was resolved to receive and approve (PN/IH)

b) Draft accounts to 13th January 2023 alongside budgets

It was resolved to receive and approve (PN/IH)

c) Draft Budget for year 2023/24 and to agree final amounts

Budget approved (JA/PN) net outgoing £29,440.

d) To agree precept demand and submit to Gedling Borough Council

It was resolved to set a precept of £20,000

2023.019 To delegate authority to the Locum Clerk;

a) To appoint an internal auditor for the year 2022/23

It was resolved to delegate authority (JA/MG)

Action - Clerk

b) To enter into a contract for a mobile phone for the Council with sufficient calls, messaging and data (including ability to HotSpot) for the Council's needs

It was resolved to delegate with a maximum budget of £30p/month (JA/MG)

Action – Clerk

2023.020 To receive reports and discuss;

a) Environment working group Report

No report

b) Lengthsman Scheme update

No report

c) S106 Monies – Projects & Consultation.

No further action at the moment until feedback from County re School site land

d) Planning applications review

Objection to wall set out by Cllr Gee. In the past there has been no problem parking a number of cars on the site.

Bestwood Village Conservation Area Character appraisal notes the importance of the walls 11.14. House is also on the list for heritage buildings in the village. The removal of the tree is to protect the wall that is requested to be taken down. Resolved to write a factual response including the extracts of the reports.

Action - Clerk

e) Update on traffic issues

Mud on roads

Action - IH

f) Storage Update

***Cllr Ashworth have chased the Welfare re offer of £600 per year.
Meeting is this evening.
Small Christmas trees removed and put into Welfare building.***

- 2023.021 Bestwood Village Playground Inspection
***It was resolved to renew annual inspection contract with Gedling £296 (from £282).
Prices have been received for repairs needed (£3,000 at most) and a joint inspection has been requested***
Action JA
- 2023.022 Future events (eg. Coronation and Councillor awareness)
Boys Brigade are doing a parade on Sunday 14th May. It was resolved to offer a local fund of up to £2,000 (Max £1,000 each) toward putting on a community event. Apply using grant form. Close date 1st April. (PN/RD)
Action KB/PN/JA
- 2023.023 To agree the date and time of the next meeting of the parish council
***Tuesday April 11th at 7pm.
Annual Parish Meeting March 14th 6-7pm at the Church with refreshments and displays etc. Budget £500 set for event. Instigate a competition for schools. Councillors to discuss via e-mail.***
Action – JA/PN/KB
- 2023.024 Confidential Items (Exclusion of public and press)
a) Overview of the Council's current situation
Noted
b) Appointment of Locum Clerk and terms
It was resolved to appoint (KB/JA)